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**"AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF LIMITING THE PURCHASE
OF HANDGUNS TO ONE PER MONTH."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 26-72 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

5 The commissioner may, after notice and public hearing conducted
6 in the manner prescribed by section 26-67, issue regulations governing
7 and prescribing the taking of all species of fur-bearing animals by use
8 of traps within the state. Such regulations may (1) establish the open
9 and closed seasons, (2) establish the legal hours, (3) prescribe the legal
10 methods that may be used, including size, type and kind of traps and
11 the type and kind of bait and lures, (4) designate the places where
12 traps may be placed and set and the conditions under which the
13 placing and setting of traps will be legal, (5) establish the daily bag

14 limit and the season bag limit, (6) assess a reasonable fee, or develop a
15 comparable equitable plan, for season trapping rights on state-owned
16 property. Assignment of such rights for specific areas may be
17 determined by drawing or by the order in which requests therefor are
18 recorded as received in the office of the commissioner when there is a
19 set fee for such areas, or the method of high bid may be used. No
20 person shall set, place or attend any trap upon the land of another
21 without having in his possession the written permission of the owner
22 or lessee of such land, or his agent, and no person shall set, place or
23 attend any trap not having the name of the person using such trap
24 legibly stamped thereon or attached thereto; provided the owner or
25 legal occupant of such land or such person as he designates may set,
26 place or attend any legal steel trap in any place within a radius of one
27 hundred feet of any permanent building located on such land. No
28 person who sets, places or attends any trap shall permit more than
29 twenty-four hours to elapse between visits to such trap; provided, if
30 such twenty-four-hour period expires before sunset, the person who
31 set such trap shall have until sunset to visit the same. No person shall
32 place, set or attend any snare, net or similar device capable of taking or
33 injuring any animal. No person shall manufacture, sell, possess or use
34 a steel jaw or padded steel jaw leg hold trap capable of taking or
35 injuring any animal. The pelt of any fur-bearing animal legally taken
36 may be possessed, sold or transported at any time. Upon demand of
37 any officer having authority to serve criminal process or any
38 representative of the Department of Environmental Protection, any
39 person in possession of any such pelt shall furnish to such officer or
40 such representative satisfactory evidence that such pelt was legally
41 taken or acquired. No provision hereof shall be construed as
42 prohibiting any landowner or lessee of land used for agricultural
43 purposes or any citizen of the United States, or any person having on
44 file in the court having jurisdiction thereof a written declaration of his
45 intention to become a citizen of the United States, who is regularly
46 employed by such landowner or lessee, from pursuing, trapping and
47 killing at any time any fur-bearing animal, except deer, which is
48 injuring any property, or the owner of any farm or enclosure used for

49 breeding or raising any legally acquired fur-bearing animal who has a
50 game breeder's license issued by the commissioner or a fur breeder's
51 license issued by the Livestock Division of the Department of
52 Agriculture, from taking or killing any such animal legally in his
53 possession at any time or having in possession any pelt thereof. No
54 person shall molest, injure or disturb any muskrat house or den at any
55 time. Any fur-bearing animal legally taken alive may be possessed by
56 the person taking the same, provided he shall notify the commissioner
57 in a writing signed by him stating the species and sex of such animal,
58 the date and the name of the town where such animal was taken and
59 the specific address where such animal will be kept. Any
60 representative of the department may at any time inspect such animal
61 and the enclosure or other facilities used to hold such animal and make
62 inquiry concerning the diet and other care such animal should have
63 and if, in the opinion of the commissioner or such representative, such
64 animal is not being provided adequate or proper facilities or care, such
65 animal may be seized by such representative of the department and be
66 disposed of as determined by the commissioner. Fur-bearing animals
67 taken alive, as herein provided, shall not be sold or exchanged,
68 provided the person who legally possesses such animal may apply to
69 the commissioner for a game breeder's license or to the Livestock
70 Division of the Department of Agriculture for a fur breeder's license
71 and when so licensed he may breed such animal and the progeny
72 thereof, and such issue when three generations removed from the wild
73 may be sold or exchanged alive or dead. Any trap illegally set and any
74 snare, net or similar device found placed or set in violation of the
75 provisions of this section shall be seized by any representative of the
76 department and, if not claimed within twenty-four hours, the
77 commissioner may order such trap, snare, net or other device
78 destroyed, sold or retained for use by the commissioner. Any person
79 who violates any provision of this section or any regulation issued by
80 the commissioner shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars or
81 be imprisoned not more than sixty days or both. Whenever any person
82 is convicted, or forfeits any bond, or has his case nolledd upon the
83 payment of any sum of money, or receives a suspended sentence or

84 judgment for a violation of any of the provisions of this section or any
85 regulation issued hereunder by the commissioner, all traps used, set or
86 placed in violation of any such provisions or any such regulation may,
87 by order of the trial court, be forfeited to the state and may be retained
88 for use by the department or may be sold or destroyed at the discretion
89 of the commissioner. The proceeds from any such sale shall be paid to
90 the State Treasurer and by him credited to the General Fund."